CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

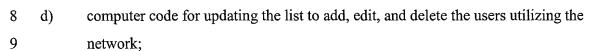1   1.   A method for a secure supply chain management framework, comprising:

2   a)   registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors, and stores of a

3   supply chain utilizing a network;

4   b)   maintaining the registered users on a list;

5   c)   collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the network;

6   d)   updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the network;

7   e)   receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, the request

8   including an identifier;

9   f)   comparing the identifier against the list; and

10 g)   displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data upon the

11   successful comparison of the identifier against the list.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier includes a password.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the data is encrypted.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the list is updated upon receipt of a notice from at

2   least one of the stores.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein only certain data is displayed based on the user

2   being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1   7.   A system for a secure supply chain management framework, comprising:

2   a)   logic for registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors, and

3   stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;

4   b)   logic for maintaining the registered users on a list;

5   c)   logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the

6   network;

7   d)   logic for updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the network;

8   e)   logic for receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, the

9   request including an identifier;

10   f)   logic for comparing the identifier against the list; and

11   g)   logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data

12   upon the successful comparison of the identifier against the list.

1   8.   The system of claim 7, wherein the identifier includes a password.

1   9.   The system of claim 7, wherein the data is encrypted.

1   10.   The system of claim 7, wherein the list is updated upon receipt of a notice from at

2   least one of the stores.

1   11.   The system of claim 7, wherein only certain data is displayed based on the user

2   being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.

1   12.   The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1   13.   A computer program product for a secure supply chain management framework,

2   comprising:

3   a)   computer code for registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors,

4   and stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;

5   b)   computer code for maintaining the registered users on a list;

6   c)   computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain

7   utilizing the network;

8   d)   computer code for updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the

9   network;

10   e)   computer code for receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network,

11   the request including an identifier;

12   f)   computer code for comparing the identifier against the list; and

13   g)   computer code for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the

14   data upon the successful comparison of the identifier against the list.

1   14.   The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the identifier includes a

2   password.

1   15.   The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is encrypted.

1   16.   The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the list is updated upon

2   receipt of a notice from at least one of the stores.

1   17.   The computer program product of claim 13, wherein only certain data is displayed

2   based on the user being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.

1   18.   The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the

2   Internet.